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Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-21 (Canceled).

22. (Previously Presented) A system comprising:  
a portable data storage medium; and  
a portable terminal to which the data storage medium is  
connectable;

5 wherein the portable data storage medium has stored thereon  
a plurality of software applications operable on the portable  
terminal, a data file created by each of the software  
applications, a hardware identification code for identifying the  
data storage medium, a plurality of software identification codes  
10 for the plurality of software applications, respectively, and a  
plurality of user passwords for specifying a plurality of users,  
respectively, that are able to use the data storage medium,

wherein the portable terminal comprises a non-rewritable  
storage area in which a hardware identification code for  
specifying the portable terminal and a plurality of software  
identification codes each for identifying available software  
applications are stored, and a rewritable storage area; and  
15 wherein the portable terminal further comprises:

means, responsive to a power supply being turned on  
20 when the portable data storage medium has been connected to the

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portable terminal, for reading the hardware identification code stored on the data storage medium and then determining whether or not the read hardware identification code matches the hardware identification code stored in the non-rewritable storage area of  
25 the portable terminal;

means, responsive to determining that the read identification code matches, for determining whether or not a password inputted by a user who operates the portable terminal matches any one of the plurality of passwords for specifying the plurality of  
30 users, respectively, stored in the data storage medium;

means, responsive to determining that the inputted password matches, for allowing the user to select any desired one of the plurality of software applications stored on the data storage medium;

35 means, responsive to the user selecting the desired application software, for reading from the data storage medium a software identification code corresponding to the selected software application, and for determining whether or not the software identification code matching the read software identification code is stored in the non-rewritable storage area  
40 of the portable terminal; and

means, responsive to determining that the matching software identification code is stored, for starting up the selected software application stored on the data storage medium,

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45 and for storing on the data storage medium a data file created by operation of that application software as a data file corresponding to that application software.

23. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 22, wherein:

the portable data storage medium further stores basic software for driving the portable terminal; and

5 the portable terminal is responsive to the power source being turned on to thereby be operated by the basic software for reading the hardware identification information from the data storage medium, and for determining whether or not the read hardware identification information matches the hardware identification information stored on the portable terminal.

10 24. (Previously Presented) A system comprising:  
a portable storage medium;  
a portable terminal to which the portable storage medium is connectable; and

5 a server that writes various codes and software to the data storage medium and the portable terminal;

wherein the server comprises:

means for storing hardware identification code unchangeably on the portable terminal and the portable data

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storage medium in order to set the portable terminal and the  
10 portable data storage medium in corresponding relationship;  
means for storing on the portable terminal unchangeably  
a software identification code corresponding to a software  
application to be operated on the portable terminal; and  
means for storing on the portable data storage medium a  
15 plurality of software applications operating on the portable  
terminal, a plurality of data files created by the plurality of  
software applications, respectively, a plurality of software  
identification codes for the plurality of software applications,  
respectively, and a plurality of user passwords for specifying a  
20 plurality of users, respectively, who are able to use the data  
storage medium.

25. (New) A method comprising:

storing on a portable data storage medium: (i) a plurality  
of software applications operable on a portable terminal to which  
the data storage medium is connectable, (ii) a data file created  
5 by each of the software applications, (iii) a hardware  
identification code for identifying the data storage medium,  
(iv) a plurality of software identification codes for the  
plurality of software applications, respectively, and (v) a  
plurality of user passwords for specifying a plurality of users,  
10 respectively, that are able to use the data storage medium;

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storing in the portable terminal a hardware identification code for specifying the portable terminal and a plurality of software identification codes each for identifying available software applications; and

15 reading the hardware identification code stored on the data storage medium and then determining whether the read hardware identification code matches the hardware identification code stored in the portable terminal, in response to a power supply being turned on when the portable data storage medium has been  
20 connected to the portable terminal;

determining whether a password inputted by a user who operates the portable terminal matches any one of the plurality of passwords for specifying the plurality of users, respectively, stored in the data storage medium, in response to a determination  
25 that the read identification code matches;

allowing the user to select any desired one of the plurality of software applications stored on the data storage medium, in response to a determination that the inputted password matches;

30 reading from the data storage medium a software identification code corresponding to the selected software application, and determining whether the software identification code matching the read software identification code is stored in the portable terminal, in response to the user selecting the desired application software; and

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35 starting up the selected software application stored on the data storage medium, and storing on the data storage medium a data file created by operation of that application software as a data file corresponding to that application software, in response to a determination that the matching software identification code  
40 is stored.